

Decision 12-10-042 October 25, 2012

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking regarding policies and protocols for demand response load impact estimates, cost-effectiveness methodologies, megawatt goals and alignment with California Independent System Operator Market Design Protocols.

Rulemaking 07-01-041
(Filed January 25, 2007)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline for this proceeding to January 6, 2013.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases, such as this proceeding, shall be resolved within 18 months of the date on which the scoping memo is issued, unless the Commission makes findings regarding why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

On May 9, 2011, the assigned Commissioner issued an amended scoping memo that revised the issues in the proceeding. On July 27, 2012, the assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a joint ruling asking parties to comment on issues related to the case. Opening comments were filed

on August 17, 2012 and replies were filed on August 27, 2012. A proposed decision is anticipated to be issued within the next 30 days.

The statutory deadline to resolve this proceeding is November 7, 2012. Therefore, a 60-day extension until January 6, 2013, is necessary to give the Commission time to issue and deliberate on a proposed decision.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6 (c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Kelly A. Hymes is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline of this proceeding is November 7, 2012.
2. A 60-day extension of time to January 6, 2013, to give the Commission time to deliberate on a proposed decision anticipated to be issued within the next 30 days.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission should extend the deadline in this proceeding to January 6, 2013, as allowed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a).
2. In accordance with Rule 14.6(c)(4) the comment period should be waived.
3. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to January 6, 2013.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 25, 2012, at Irvine, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

President

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